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Scholarships Available

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Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, and Garland Light & Power are offering college scholarships to students in our service area. The scholarships are for 2017-2018 school year.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative, to which we are a member, located in Bismarck, ND, offers one \$1,000 scholarship to a qualifying senior whose family is served by Garland Light & Power. Tri-State Generation and Transmission, our power supplier in Denver, offers two \$500 scholarships. Garland Light and Power offers several scholarships ranging from \$500-\$1,000 to qualifying seniors and returning college students. Trade school applications are also accepted.

The scholarship program recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of students in Garland's area. It also serves as an investment in the economic future of rural areas. The scholarships must be used for educational costs, and the student must enter college in the fall of the school year for which the scholarship is given.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and dependents of member system consumers or employees. Applicants also must be students enrolled or planning to enroll in a full time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited, two or four year college. Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on a combination of SAT/ACT scores and overall grade point average, work experience, participation in school and community activities. A personal statement and written recommendations by a third party are also required.

Applications will be accepted until February 24, 2017 and winners will be announced by March 15, 2017. Your application must be returned to Garland Light & Power Office. You can pick up applications at our office or Powell and Cody High School.

WREA Offering Lineman Scholarship

As a member of the Wyoming Rural Electric Association (WREA), Garland Light & Power, will be accepting applications for a Lineman Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 to be awarded by WREA.

The scholarship was developed to promote careers in the electrical line work within the cooperative industry, and is available to any individual, including any recent high school graduate, that plans to attend a lineman school.

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The WREA will be awarding one or more scholarships each year. Scholarship applications must include an application form, resume of education and work experience and a transcript of grades. A transcript will not be necessary if, the candidate has not attended an educational institution in the three years prior to submitting the scholarship form.

Each WREA member cooperative will interview, select and submit one (1) candidate's name to the WREA for consideration by the WREA Board of Directors. The WREA Board will choose one or more recipient(s) for the scholarship no later than April 30, 2017.

The WREA Board of Directors may award an alternate scholarship if the original applicant selected is unable to use the scholarship.

You can pick up applications at our office or Powell and Cody High School. Completed applications must be returned to Garland Light & Power office by the March 1, 2017 deadline.

DAR HACKWORTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Dar Hackworth Lineworker Scholarship was created in 2006 in memory of Dar Hackworth. Hackworth was born and raised in Ohio. In August 1997, he moved with his family to Powell, Wyoming where he became an electrical lineworker for Garland Light & Power. He became superintendent in 2000. He had been interested in music since he was young and became a talented musician, playing banjo and guitar with the bluegrass Gospel band, "Witness." Hackworth loved spending time with family and friends and time in the mountains, hunting, fishing, and riding horses. He loved his job and was highly respected by his peers in the industry. Hackworth lost his life in the summer of 2005 in a non-utility related accident while enjoying some of those things he loved most.

One scholarship will be awarded each year to a Wyoming resident interested in a career in the electric industry. The amount of the scholarship will be \$1,000.

You can pick up applications at our office or Powell and Cody High School. Completed applications must be returned to Garland Light & Power office by the March 31, 2017.



Valentine's Day
Tuesday, February 14

Saving Energy On Laundry Day

There are two ways to reduce the amount of energy used for washing clothes, use less water and use cooler water. Unless you're dealing with oily stains, the warm or cold water setting on your machine will generally do a good job of cleaning your clothes. Switching your temperature setting from hot to warm can cut a load's energy use in half. Here are some laundry tips.

Wash your clothes in cold water using cold water detergent whenever possible. Wash and dry full loads. If you are washing a small load, use the appropriate water level setting. Dry towels and heavier cottons in separate load from lighter weight clothes. Don't over dry your clothes. If your machine has a moisture sensor, use it. Clean the lint screen in the dryer after every load to improve air circulation and prevent fire hazards.

Periodically, use the long nozzle tip on your vacuum cleaner to remove the lint that collects below the lint screen in the lint screen slot of your clothes dryer. Use the cool down cycle to allow the clothes to finish drying with the heat remaining in the dryer. Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire. Consider air drying clothes on clothes lines or drying racks. Air drying is recommended for some fabrics. If you have a front loading washer or high efficiency top loader, use detergent labeled for high efficiency machines (HE) machines. According to the American Cleaning Institutes, HE detergents are low-sudsing and quick-dispersing to clean well in high-efficiency washers that use less water.

Minimize Heat Loss From Wood-Burning Fireplace

If you're still using an old-fashioned fireplace, even though you know it's sucking the heat right out of your house, you can at least do a few things to improve its efficiency.

Here are five ways to minimize heat loss while burning a fire in your charming, but very inefficient, wood-burning fireplace:

1. Close the damper when you're not using the fireplace. As soon as the fire has burned out, close it and keep it closed until it's time to fire it up again. An open damper is a pathway for your comfortable, heated indoor air to travel right out of your house. It also can create drafts all over your home.
2. Update your fireplace with tempered glass doors and a heat-air exchange system that blows warm air back into the room.
3. Replace the seals around your fireplace flue damper. Seals that aren't tight let heat leave the house even when the damper is closed.
4. Insulate your chimney. The exhaust that exits

the fireplace through the chimney can create creosote build-up and make the unit even less efficient. A chimney liner helps with that. It also will protect masonry from the corrosive byproducts of the flue gases.

5. Call a chimney sweep. A proper inspection and cleaning once a year will keep your fireplace functioning safely and a bit more efficiently.

If you don't use your fireplace anymore because it's inefficient, consider inserting an electric log set. The latest models look much more realistic than earlier versions. Also, have the unused chimney flue sealed.



Rebates

Tri-State G&T (our power supplier) offers an Energy Efficiency Products (EEP) program that helps member-owners save money and use energy wisely. The EEP program is aimed at promoting electric products and new technologies available to electric co-op consumers that represent a value for our members.

The program provides member-owners rebates for the installation of more efficient lighting, heating and cooling systems, and similar applications.

Rebates are available for the Energy Star rated appliances, such as electric water heaters, refrigerators, freezers, clothes washer and dishwashers. There are also rebates available for efficiency electric motors. Call of stop by the office to see if you qualify for a rebate on your new purchase.



LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

This program provides assistance for winter heating bills. It is available for the months of November through May. The State of Wyoming accepts applications from October 1st through February 28th each year. Benefits are based on household size, income and type of fuel used as the primary heating source.

Crisis Assistance: This is a one time per program year benefit available to persons who are facing an energy emergency. The benefit amount is based on the amount needed to resolve this crisis, up to a maximum of \$400. Crisis funds can be used for deposits on new accounts, LP tank sets, and back bills. Crisis assistance is available from October through the middle of April. Back bills prior October 1st are the clients responsibility.

For a LIEAP application, call 1-800-246-4221.



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